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BY: ISABELLA MARKOVSKI-DICKEY | ALPHA/DEPAUW



This Spring 2024 issue of the *Theta Magazine* demonstrates our members' ability to stand in the face of fear and the unknown and forge paths as leaders. Thetas are committed, resilient, and dependable.

First, on page 4 in Theta Topics, you'll read about five members of Gamma Delta/Georgia who saved the lives of others. These

brave Thetas jumped into action when they witnessed tragedy, showing such bravery and readiness to help when circumstances demanded.

On page 10, you can read more about Theta's new Strategic Plan in the words of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jenni Broughton Schmaltz, Gamma/Butler. A key component in the ideation of the Plan was relevance and sustained success, representing the organization's desire to continue to thrive for many more years to come. We only want the very best for current and future members.

In the special ThetaConnect feature on page 14, you can read about the new ideas coming to life on the Thetas-

only networking platform: the new Promoter program, a heavy focus on mentoring, and revitalizing the way chapter members can connect with one another. Trying new things can inject new life into old routines, and the work happening on ThetaConnect is a prime example of innovation.

This issue's Theta Foundation spread, starting on page 18, shows us how dollars given to Theta Foundation enhance the Theta membership experience. The Theta for Good program, only existing since fall 2022, is now utilized by more than 95% of Theta's college chapters. The *Theta Forever Fund* ensures that programs like the Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) and Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) continue to exist. And each year, GivingTuesday continues to be one of Theta Foundation's most successful campaigns. Theta Foundation's clear commitment to understanding needs and forging ahead is an indicator of the organization's faithful perseverance.

Thetas are showing up and giving their all. That dedication and devotion is exactly what Theta stands for.

*Bella*

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- While some terms used in telling members' stories and personal experiences are not currently in use, they were accurate at the time of these members' college experiences.



University of Georgia President Jere W. Morehead presented a proclamation for the lifesaving heroism displayed by Thetas Eleanor, Kaitlyn, Jane, Clarke, and Molly, along with Dean of Students Eric Atkinson and Assistant to the President Rod Guajardo. Photo credit: Office of the President, University of Georgia

## MEMBERS OF GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER SAVE VICTIMS FROM A SINKING VEHICLE

Eleanor Cart, Kaitlyn Iannace, Clarke Jones, Jane McArdle, and Molly McCollum, all Gamma Delta/Georgia, are heroes.

While on their way to Savannah, Ga., on Friday, March 15, they witnessed another vehicle veer off the road into a body of water. They stopped, helped the woman and two children get out of the sinking vehicle, and communicated with emergency responders. Clarke, a trained lifeguard, performed CPR on one of the children who was unresponsive after being pulled from the vehicle.

University of Georgia President Jere W. Morehead presented the five Thetas with an official proclamation emphasizing the university's gratitude for their teamwork and bravery.

Fraternity President Erica Ochs, Eta Nu/Lake Forest, said this about these extraordinary members: "These five young women didn't hesitate to come to the aid

of these passengers when they understood the trouble they were in. I and the entirety of Kappa Alpha Theta are so proud of the bravery these members displayed."

When asked about her biggest takeaway from the rescue, Clarke said, "This whole experience has really opened my eyes to God's timing. If we hadn't made a detour in Augusta, or even just been on that bridge a couple seconds later, we never would have seen the accident and been able to help."

Molly shared, "The spirit of courage and dependability within this sisterhood has only become more apparent throughout this process. I have been reminded of the reasons I chose Theta and continue to be uplifted by my sisters who push me to do hard things again and again."

All five Thetas will be honored at this year's Grand Convention in National Harbor, Md., in July.

Eleanor, Kaitlyn, Clarke, Jane, and Molly are true testaments to fearlessness, bravery, and heart, and Kappa Alpha Theta is lucky to call them part of this sisterhood. Their immediate action in another's time of need is exactly the kind of real, positive difference that Theta stands for.

## MAINTAINING CONNECTIONS

Each college chapter (active and inactive) has an alumnae contact officer (ACO). It is this volunteer's responsibility to ensure that all the women from her chapter remain connected to Theta. She does this by finding lost Thetas: women for whom we no longer have a current address.

Technology has made the duties of this volunteer position easy to do from anywhere in the world. In fact, we have ACOs living in El Salvador and Germany! You can also be an ACO for a chapter other than your chapter of initiation. If you think this might be the volunteer role for you, check out the vacancies below and email [volunteerengagement@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:volunteerengagement@kappaalphatheta.org).

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Alpha Delta/Goucher  
Alpha Kappa/Adelphi  
Beta Sigma/SMU  
Beta Phi/Penn State  
Eta Lambda/~  
Eta Mu/Occidental  
Eta Nu/Lake Forest  
Eta Omicron/North Florida  
Theta Lambda/Rochester  
Theta Mu/Mines

## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

At their January meeting, Grand Council endorsed the proposed language for a non-discrimination statement:

*Kappa Alpha Theta does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital/family status, sexual orientation, gender presentation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include but are not limited to recruitment and discipline of members, selection of volunteers, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members.*

This statement exists on the Theta website as well as in all officer handbooks.

## DUES-PAYING AND LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS, THANK YOU!

The week of Feb. 12, 2024, was Alumnae Love Week on our social media. It was wonderful to see so many alumnae posting about and sharing what Theta means to them. In that same spirit, if you receive the printed issues of the *Theta Magazine*, you're either a current collegian, dues-paying alumna, or Life Loyal member. Thank you for your commitment to Kappa Alpha Theta!

## 2024 PANSY PATCH

Pansy Patch, Theta Foundation's official Grand Convention fundraiser, is blooming once again in 2024! With a gift of just \$10, you can joyfully honor a special Theta and benefit the *Theta Forever Fund* at the same time. Blooming virtual pansies represent opportunities for members to reach their fullest potential and make a difference around the world and in their communities.

Use this QR code to purchase a pansy:



*Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is registered with the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) organization. Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

# The Theta Archives: *125 Years of Storytelling*

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Years of the Theta Archives

On the second day of Grand Convention 1899, a motion to “purchase a fire-proof safe or cabinet for the keeping the archives” passed. With this decision, the records of the Fraternity began to be formally and systematically collected and preserved and the Kappa Alpha Theta archives was established.

The archives now encompasses more than 800 linear feet of materials documenting the Fraternity, Theta Foundation, and the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC). It is made up of numerous paper and digital records, thousands of images, and multiple artifacts ranging from small pieces of jewelry to fully assembled furniture. While the archives is made up of so many things, each item is so special because there is a memory and story attached to every one.

Each item is just a piece of the larger puzzle, not only of Theta, but also of women: women establishing themselves on college campuses throughout the U.S. and Canada, through 154 years of local, national, and international events of all sizes and topics. In its own way, the archives is a puzzle that tells the story of the more than 260,000 Thetas who chose to become part of an organization that nurtures and supports women from college onwards.

The 125th anniversary of the founding of the archives is being celebrated by sharing stories contained within these items, therefore sharing the stories of Thetas and Theta.



## STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE THETA ARCHIVES!

**Do you have questions about Theta's history?**

[www.kappaalphatheta.org/heritage/archives-requests-gifts](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/heritage/archives-requests-gifts)

**Are you interested in donating items?**

[www.kappaalphatheta.org/heritage/archives-requests-gifts](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/heritage/archives-requests-gifts)

**Do you want to visit?**

[www.kappaalphatheta.org/blog/heritage/visiting-theta-headquarters-and-the-heritage-museum](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/blog/heritage/visiting-theta-headquarters-and-the-heritage-museum)

**Do you want to chat with other Thetas about our history?**

[www.thetaconnect.org/groups/25](http://www.thetaconnect.org/groups/25)

## THE THETA ARCHIVES ON THE MOVE

The archives traveled for much of its existence, following the members and chapters who served as Fraternity archivists. Working alongside staff and volunteers, they managed and added to the collection, making it what we have today.

### 1 Evanston, Ill.

Lenore Gould, Tau/Northwestern, served as the first Keeper of the Archives (as the position was then known), and Tau Chapter housed the Fraternity archives.

### 2 Stanford, Calif.

The archives was moved to Phi deutron Chapter at Stanford University (then designated as Phi Chapter) in 1903 because the chapter owned the property and Fraternity officers believed the archives would be safer.

### 3 Greencastle, Ind.

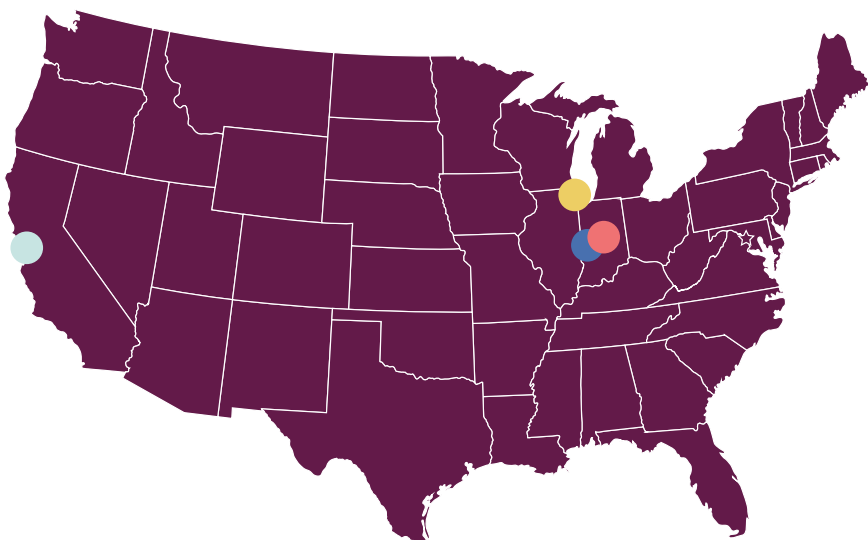
The archives found a new home at Alpha Chapter at DePauw University in 1926 when Catherine Tillotson McCord, Alpha/DePauw, became archivist.

### 4 Evanston, Ill.

Leading up to Theta's centennial in 1970, Fraternity officers made the decision to move the archives to Central Office in Evanston.

### 5 Indianapolis, Ind.

Mary Edith Estes Arnold, Alpha Mu/Missouri, supervised the move of the archives from Central Office in Evanston to the new Theta headquarters in Indianapolis in 1983. With dedicated space, the archives expanded to fill and grow into its newfound home.



## FRATERNITY ARCHIVISTS

1899– Leonora Gould,  
1903 Tau/Northwestern

1903– Minna Stillman,  
1909 Phi deutron/Stanford

1909– Letiti Patterson Abrams,  
1913 Phi deutron/Stanford

1913– Helen Van Uxem Cubberly,  
1919 Beta/Indiana

1919– Bernice Tompkins,  
1926 Phi deutron/Stanford

1926– Catherine Tillotson McCord,  
1935 Alpha/DePauw

1935– Eliza Paramore Sourwine,  
1959 Gamma/Butler

1960– Elizabeth Spear Eitel,  
1969 Alpha/DePauw

1970– Ila May Conttrell Smaha,  
1974 Rho/Nebraska

1974– Barb Huth West,  
1976 Delta/Illinois

1976– Gina Smollen Hanft,  
1977 Tau/Northwestern

1977– Linda Larsen Hirsch,  
1981 Gamma/Butler

1981– Mary Edith Estes Arnold,  
2010 Alpha Mu/Missouri

2010– Lisa Edelmann McLaughlin,  
present Beta Rho/Duke\*

1997– Noraleen DuVall Young,  
present Alpha Chi/Purdue\*

*\*Lisa McLaughlin's archivist role is a workforce volunteer position. Noraleen Young's role began as project archivist in 1997 and became staff archivist in 2016, both headquarters staff positions.*

# Keeping Members in Mind

There are countless things you can see and do on the Theta website: **[www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org)**. You can view listings of Theta's college chapters and alumnae groups, read the latest (digital) issue of the *Theta Magazine*, and so much more. One common theme is part of everything

the Theta website offers: the Theta member. With members in mind, the Theta website captures the basic needs of a collegian or alumna looking for information, but it also recognizes and celebrates members and stories of all kinds related to members.

## THETA BLOG

Do you want to stay connected to Theta and keep up to date with what's going on? Are you interested in reading about what other members are doing? Several times a month, new blogs are posted to the Theta website. Check it out to see what you might have missed!

**[www.kappaalphatheta.org/blog](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/blog)**

## RECOGNITION

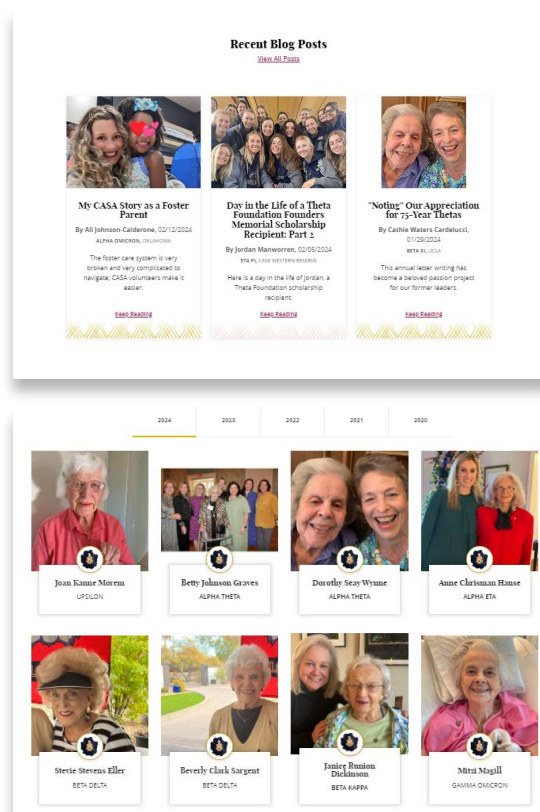
We love to celebrate Thetas and their personal and professional accomplishments. See how we recognize our members, such as our 75-year Diamond Thetas!

**[www.kappaalphatheta.org/members/recognition](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/members/recognition)**

## ALUMNAE

There are many ways to stay involved with Theta as an alumna, and the Theta website shows you how. Whether as a volunteer, mentor in ThetaConnect, member of an alumnae group, or dues-paying member, we value all Theta alumnae.

**[www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae)**



Need something you can't find on the website? Let us know!



**[www.kappaalphatheta.org/contact](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/contact)**

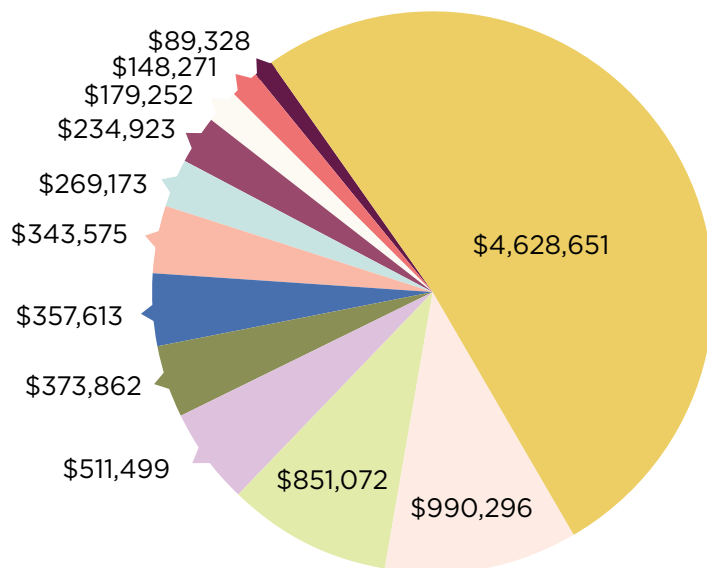
# Financial State of Kappa Alpha Theta 2023

FRATERNITY REPORT JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

## INCOME

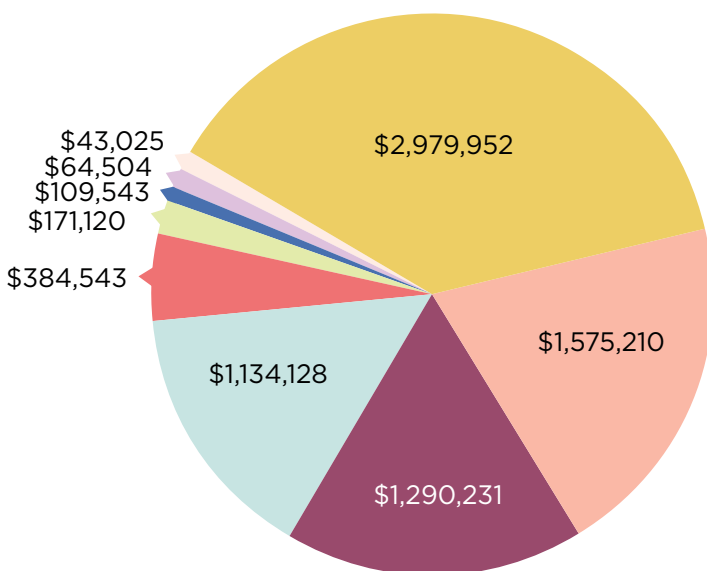
College Chapter Support	51.56%
International Meetings	11.03%
Unrealized Gain/ Loss on Investments	9.48%
Risk Management	5.70%
Merchandise Sales	4.16%
Royalty and Advertising Income	3.98%
Foundation Grant	3.83%
Non-Dues Income*	3.00%
Investment Income	2.62%
Interest Income	2.00%
Alumnae Support	1.65%
Contributions	0.99%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,977,515</b>

\*Insurance claim, swap contract, facility corporation services



## EXPENSES

Collegiate Services	38%
Administrative and General	20%
International Meetings	17%
Alumnae Services	15%
Risk Management	5%
Sales Expense	2%
Depreciation	1%
Officer Administration	1%
Other Expense	1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,752,256</b>



**Net Income 2022-2023: \$1,225,259**

# Kappa Alpha Theta's Strategic Plan

By: Chief Executive Officer Jenni Broughton Schmaltz | Gamma/Butler



▲ Chief Executive Officer  
Jenni Broughton Schmaltz

The Strategic Plan defines the goals and aspirations of Kappa Alpha Theta's three entities: the Fraternity, Theta Foundation, and the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC). It helps identify the areas Kappa Alpha Theta should focus on for the next three

to five years to gain insight and achieve goals. Of course, operational tasks and programs continue even if they are not named in the Plan. For those programming areas, the Strategic Plan can offer a lens through which to approach the work and potentially adjust operational tasks to better support Theta's goals and priorities.

Grand Council has the unique responsibility of setting the direction for Kappa Alpha Theta and accomplishes this through the oversight of the mission and vision, as well as the creation of the Strategic Plan, including identifying the areas of focus, the priorities, and the strategic goals. The workforce, made of staff and volunteers, is responsible for the development of the objectives and tactics. In my role as the chief executive officer

(CEO), I work with both Grand Council and the workforce to develop and execute the Plan.

The creation of this Plan began in spring 2022 with the research phase. When enough research was collected, Grand Council spent time working with an outside facilitator. In addition to the previous Strategic Plan, Grand Council used several resources to guide and inform this Plan's development.

A notable information source was results of a one-question survey asking, "What is the one thing Kappa Alpha Theta should focus on over the next one to three years?" Responses were requested from Grand Council, the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) Board of Directors, Theta Foundation Trustees, the workforce leadership team (standing committee chairs and staff partners), alumnae district directors (ADDs), college district directors (CDDs), and the executive leadership team. In total, 46 responses were received.

Grand Council identified the following themes from this one-question survey: ***relevance, financial viability, and belonging.***

With all of this in mind, two strategic themes (or priorities) were identified, and two goals emerged under each theme.



## STRATEGIC THEME 1

*Secure Theta's successful future*

### GOAL 1

*Ensure continued fiscal wellness by developing and deploying a robust financial model built on revenue from multiple sources.*

### GOAL 2

*Champion meaningful and needed change in the fraternal community.*



## STRATEGIC THEME 2

*Theta's continued relevance and the membership experience*

### GOAL 1

*For each stage of the member experience, identify and deliver the benefits of membership and clearly communicate membership expectations.*

### GOAL 2

*Create and promote a welcoming community of sisterhood for members and potential new members (PNMs) who share Theta's values (scholarship, leadership, service, personal excellence, and friendship).*

Workforce staff and volunteer leaders are currently working to finalize the objectives and tactics to support the goals and ultimately advance the strategic priorities.

At Grand Convention this summer, delegates will have the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for how their chapters

can help move Theta forward by doing what they can to help Theta make progress toward the goals.

I'm excited about the opportunities this new Strategic Plan brings to Kappa Alpha Theta, and I'm honored to be part of its implementation and success.



# Diamond Thetas

**On Founders Day 2024, 622 members celebrated 75 years of Theta membership.** In honor of their diamond anniversary, we call this group of sisters Diamond Thetas.

Every year, Theta honors its 75-year (and 50-year) members by mailing them a special pansy pin and letter. In an effort to be as financially responsible as possible, Theta headquarters staff sent congratulatory postcards and/or emails to our 50-year members asking them to contact us if they were interested in receiving their special

50-year anniversary pin. Many alumnae have been thrilled to recount their times as collegians, their timeless Theta friendships, and their overall gratitude for Theta.



## Celebrating 75 Years

A diamond anniversary is worth celebrating! These women were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta in 1949 and officially celebrated 75 years in Theta on Founders Day.

### ALPHA/DEPAUW

Isabel Taylor Dewey  
Sue Metcalfe Elzemeyer  
Marilyn Payne Freeouf  
Suzanne Sturges Lee  
Martha Curry Morey  
Jane Reel  
Jane Quackenbush  
Williams  
Jacquelyn Foster Wilson

### BETA/INDIANA

Pat Mackey Ball  
Florence Cleveland  
Donnersberger  
Blanche Cochran Herron  
Betty Wray Adams  
Lodewick  
Judy Martin Mehring  
Jan Nicely Ruggles  
Barbara Harmount  
Shannahan  
Margaret Snyder Sparks

### GAMMA/BUTLER

Mary Lou George Johnson  
Marilyn Ruddell Lohss  
Joan Coxen Nichols  
Mary Feeney O'Connor  
Kathryn Holmes Shaub  
Jean Porteous Steele

### DELTA/ILLINOIS

Gwen Lewis Allen  
Lois Cederberg Baldwin  
Marilyn Daniels  
Jean Ungeher Dunn  
Ann Rovelstad Lawless  
Julie Moore Morley  
Jane Mueller

### ETA/MICHIGAN

Nancy Benson  
Colleen Kennedy Brever  
Judy Sinclair Brown  
Myra Moorehouse  
Chabut  
Dolly Garrett Johnson  
Ann Kemper Lesesne  
Andriana Londes  
Marshall  
Jeanne Jorstad Tennent  
Katherine Wersen

### IOTA/CORNELL

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Patricia Speidel Cope  
Nancy Smith Crawford  
Joan Gibson  
Joy Rees Hoffman  
Dorothy Hoadley Lawrence  
Lynn Heidelberger  
MacEwen  
Janet Hofmann McCulloch  
Nancy Rittershausen  
McDowell  
Suzanne Joyce Seeley  
Paula Williams Shamborg  
Ann Coffeen Turner

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Mary Witcher Athens  
Evelyn Wulfekuhler  
Hackney  
Sydney Ashton Jones  
Claire Matthews  
Janice Fronkier Neustrom  
Margie Fisher O'Neill

### LAMBDA/VERMONT

Barbara Hardie Densmore  
Jane Wilson Durie  
Marilyn White Grue  
Carolyn Smith Handloser  
Jean Smith Hubbell  
Cassie Cacioppo Jahn  
Marilyn Kelly Jennings  
Dorothy Bierman Kettley  
Zoe Keniston Kolligian  
Alice Plumridge Schafer  
Maris Hurt Wodrich

### GAMMA DEUTERON/ OHIO WESLEYAN

Ros Seabury Collins  
Jean Orton Hilchey  
Barbara Barker Hull  
Lois Chase Milne  
Janet Grubb Neff  
K. Annette Halley Renner  
Ruth Firing Whitaker

### MU/ALLEGHENY

Joan Dickie Conley  
Barbara Coulson  
Richardson  
Janet Henry Rubin

### OMICRON/USC

Nancy Hazeltine Anderson  
Josephine Schilling  
Clemens  
Gloria Hammond Conti  
Suzanne Garratt Convis  
Donna Williams Dunckel  
Anne Cravath Goulding  
Patricia Frost Hasnas  
Kay Arena Lee  
Sally Meier Moser  
Peggy Pryor Perry  
Pat Schell Price

### RHO/NEBRASKA

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Katherine Kent Engstrom  
Ann Augustine Martin  
Dorothy Maxwell  
McMeekin  
Margaret Knapple Thomas  
Janet Stearns Traill  
Edith Weekes Ultowski  
Joan Zierott Walton

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Sara Mylander Cox  
Jeanne Masters Eimers  
Jan Fishback Feliz  
Alice Gridley Harrison  
Jo Peters Louis  
Colleen Wolfe Smart  
Sally Chambliss Turner  
Marilyn Paidar Wakefield  
Jane Vonlackum Williams

### UPSILON/ MINNESOTA

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Joanne Olsen Hermann  
Dorothy Wandrey Hilligoss  
Patricia McConville  
Holloran  
Mary Alice Hess McCallum  
Mary Jordan Moore  
Joan Kanne Morem  
Gretchen Michaelson  
Ocken  
Nancy Caron Quinlan  
Jackie Irons Swigart  
Nancy Fawcett Winslow

### CHI/SYRACUSE

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Barbara Healy Barth  
Suzanne Marsh Johnston  
Jane Schutter Perrin  
Mary Hitchcock Rochester  
Anne Wohlforth Vanderlip

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Betty Bushey McCulley  
Margaret Wilson O'Brien  
Mary Koltes Oconnell  
Cynthia Brenk Roberts  
Barbara Hampton Roehm  
Marjorie Forsyth Root  
Phyllis Boerner Viall  
Constance Keuchel  
Worthman

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Jean Ostrander Morse  
Margaret Olney  
Katherine Strong Pope  
Nancy Croft Rey

### ALPHA GAMMA/ OHIO STATE

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Jackie Grim Delmedico  
Suzanne Fieldner Freshour  
Phyllis Layne Kromer  
Carolyn Schlieper  
McConnaughey  
Jane Biederman Moore  
Cherry Obrien Trautwein  
Emily Eckelberry  
Willingham

### ALPHA DELTA/ GOUCHER

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Elaine Spencer Guthrie  
Virginia Glaser Kessel  
Joy Chessman Pelletier  
Ruth Lang Powell  
Jean Haig Wagner  
Rosedal Clark Warren  
Elspeth Banker Wheeler  
Joanne Williams  
Barbara Hoffhines Yellott

### ALPHA ETA/ VANDERBILT

Annie Laurie Hunt Berry  
Kathryn Pritchard Bowling  
Martha Ann Gambill Elliott  
Merney Hodge Fisher  
Thaniel Armistead Gates  
Anne Chrisman Hanse  
Sis Goodloe Holland  
Maud Riggs McClain  
Sarah Fee Morgan  
Betty Butler Steltemeier

### ALPHA THETA/TEXAS

Marion Ellis Dewey  
Betty Johnson Graves  
Nina Kay Wiersma  
Laura McKee Williamson  
Dorothy Seay Wynne

### ALPHA IOTA/ WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Jane Brereton Allen  
Virginia Pfeffer Anderson  
Jean Norwine Krueger  
Ann Martin Lambertson  
Marion Huesgen McCleery  
Joann Payne  
Virginia Stark Richmond  
Mary Schaefer Windsor

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Joan Hendry Guyman  
Florence Mauro Hagan  
Ellen Salyers Marbach  
Sandra Wright Mayer

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Dee Carlo Fery  
Cathy Fauntz Hall  
Hel Christianson Jackson  
Kathleen Billings Johnson  
Jacqueline Strachan  
McCarthy  
Betty Latimer McCoy  
Charlotte O'Gara Merritt  
Helen Meisnest Morse

Joan Baldwin Spaulding  
Mary Hegge Walker  
Corky Cochrane Williams  
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Norma Hunter Hill  
Anne Moore Johannson  
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McLaughlin  
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Georgie Oberteuffer  
Packwood  
Kathy Newman Sawyer  
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Mary Merrifield Zehrung

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Germaine Millspaugh  
Clarkson  
Dot Nance Hager  
Marjorie Pratt Monnet  
Helen McKown Vera

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Gressley  
Kathleen Gibbens  
Kolakowski

Phyllis Lufkin  
Joan Oty Moran  
Jo Anne Hathaway  
Winter

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Joan Chaussee Holter  
Marvelle Sneider Koenig  
Georgia Strohmaier Luby  
Betty Soutar Mann  
Dot Haight Overas  
Joann Stepanek Relf  
Phyllis Ecker Torgerson

### ALPHA SIGMA/ WASHINGTON STATE

Charlotte Little Beeber  
Bo Parker Hunt

### ALPHA TAU/ CINCINNATI

Joyce Ernst Drake  
Virginia McClure Eberle  
Nancy Bailey Hesler  
Betsy Markgraf King  
Betty Rice Kreimer  
Nina Marucci Lowry  
Suzanne Vosmer Skidmore

### ALPHA UPSILON/ WASHBURN

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Joan Griggs Woodward

### ALPHA PHI/TULANE

Emily Goss Egger  
Grove Watson Kingery  
Marguerite Lampkin  
Littmann  
Madeleine Hatrel  
Norman

### ALPHA CHI/PURDUE

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Jocelyn Foulke Lyon  
Claire Morgan MacDonald  
Cynthia Sargeant Schrier

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Gretchen Wilterding  
Maring  
Jean Guion Marshall

Margaret Scott Murphy  
Ingrid Metzler Nitzsche  
Susan Bartels Painter  
Charlotte Best Peterson  
Jacqueline Robbins Ruh  
Peggy Fisher Steward  
Joan Hinz Sutton

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Conklin  
Judy Thomas Doverspike  
Carol Smith Horner  
Doris McCune Munday  
Mary Caton Stowell  
Elizabeth Murphy Vonarx

#### **BETA BETA/ RANDOLPH-MACON**

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Annette Kimbro  
Bowman  
Martina Irby Evans  
Margot Holt Gill  
Jean Ann Hirschi  
Bessie Poleodor Lambron  
Mary Sims Post  
Kathleen Willis Webb  
Dorothy Winston

#### **BETA GAMMA/ COLORADO STATE**

Patricia Bledsoe  
Beverly Bradshaw  
Carlson  
Nancy Messenger  
Dunham  
Kathleen Porth Harris  
Mary Connors Lynch  
Dorothy Koch Nieder  
Joan Herrick Severin  
Betty Speier  
Georgia Thompson  
Phyllis Stewart Williams

#### **BETA DELTA/ ARIZONA**

Jane Evans Ciochetti  
Susan Merriam Cohill  
Joan Ganz Cooney  
Stevie Stevens Eller  
Pat Jackson  
Gretchen Kieckhefer  
Mahoney  
Nancy Crosby Martin  
Beverly Clark Sargent  
Anne Wadely Wood

#### **BETA EPSILON/ OREGON STATE**

Jeanne Beall Allen  
Beverly Ball Collins  
Patricia Harris Frates  
Yvonne Beaudoin Gray  
Rosemary Bigbie Horne  
Joanne Vandenberg  
LaBranche  
Donna Christopherson Lee  
Betty Pasquill McLaughlin  
Barbara Walker  
O'Halloran

Jean Cleveland Peirano  
Helen Schultz Schetky  
Barbara Higbee Smith

#### **BETA ZETA/ OKLAHOMA STATE**

Rosemary Barrett Amos  
Patsy Redd Broyles  
Jannis Hayton Dykeman  
Millicent Clark Hawkins  
Jacquie Pritchard Healey  
Barbara Blakely Mathis  
Nancy Roberts Miller  
Jean Campbell Pyle  
Joan Wiegman Ross  
Sally Emery Sittel  
Jo Ann Scheetz Stevenson

#### **BETA ETA/ PENNSYLVANIA**

Carol Rink Cook  
Cynthia Johnson Crowley  
Joan Mattox Hayward  
Marge Edgerton  
Moretsohn  
Patricia Farrell Riale  
Mary Walters Wilkens

#### **BETA THETA/IDAHO**

Marilyn Williams Crutcher  
Helen Hays Farmer  
Jan Fulton Gauger  
Patricia Patton  
Homewood  
Nadeen Delores Little  
Margaret Wills Vincent

#### **BETA IOTA/ COLORADO**

Ann Armstrong Austin  
Sally Packard Bates  
Nancy Black Bryan  
Frances Carswell  
Margaret Verdon Criffield  
Nancy Brown Davidonis  
Barbara Iverson Dunbar  
Jean Hopkins Howard  
Corliss White Osborne  
Nan Ingwersen Sparks  
Lee Smith Sullivan  
Patricia Tillotson Tucker

#### **BETA KAPPA/DRAKE**

Janice Runion Dickinson  
Onnie Nicoll Duffie  
Enid Gardner  
Donna Dow Gumm  
Shirley Schweger Lake  
Beverly Austin Moorehead  
Cleojean Meredith Olson  
Fern Landsverk Overvold  
Patricia Howell Riedesel  
Sharlot Gardner Sheets  
Patricia McCarthy Wells

#### **BETA LAMBDA/ WILLIAM & MARY**

Mary Wall McKean  
Nancy Russell Palmer  
Nancilyn Miller Parker  
Mary deMurguiondo  
Stevens

#### **BETA MU/NEVADA**

Joan Melner Dunlop  
Gretchen Reuter  
Gillfillan  
Barbara Friend Gordon  
Terry Alauzet Hickson  
Julia Wikstrom  
O'Shaughnessy  
Edna Gregory Steniger  
Susanne Leake Stevens  
Veldron Tinsman

#### **BETA NU/ FLORIDA STATE**

Carolyn Crowley Ames  
Martha Weaver Baumer  
Jacqueline Harrington  
Betha  
Marian Bishop  
Jeanne Houser Bushnell  
Nancie Vaughn Clark  
Sylvia Mooney Davis  
Susie Gibson Glagola  
Bobbie Pettit Hansen  
Patricia Selway Miller  
Evelyn Harrison Valk  
Jean Sweet Vantreese  
Carlotta Webber Whitlock  
Eugenia Glenn Woeltjen

#### **BETA XI/UCLA**

Mary Norman Ansbro  
Jacquelin Brechin  
Shirley McDonald Brown  
Kitty Colligan Chambers  
Jean Lawrence  
Crittenden  
Lynne Ely Day  
Addie Dunbar Everett  
Helen Craft Nutton  
Connie Olmsted  
Josephine Wyatt Portz

#### **BETA OMICRON/ IOWA**

Jeanine Bowers Dodge  
Dona Kading Gough  
Mary Horner Kendall  
Betsy Glendinning  
Korbonski  
Merry West  
Anne Gilson Winslow

#### **BETA PI/ MICHIGAN STATE**

Mary Morrison Angle  
Joyce Dart Davis  
Gloria Secontine  
Dulworth  
Petie King Forbush  
Nancy Lostutter  
Greenman  
Frances Severance Page  
Mary Cole Thompson

#### **BETA RHO/~**

Mary Bixby Bartlett  
Helen Eklund  
Alison Sweet Enderlin  
Nancy Smith Marshall  
Elizabeth Randolph  
McCraw

Louisa May Pease  
Mary Wright Smith  
Marion Chapman Stadler  
Barbara Snyder Stride  
Nancy Runyan Sullivan  
Barbara Cline Taylor  
Lelia Harmon Windom

#### **BETA SIGMA/SMU**

Marilyn Draper Brown  
Mary Pat Crowe  
Lockwood  
Dorothy Vaughan

#### **BETA TAU/DENISON**

Patricia Williams  
Burkhardt  
Susan McDonnell Cross  
Donna Foote Erisman  
Nancy Roudebush  
Gottschalk  
Carol Hanser Hurd  
Shirley Thomas Keitz  
Joan Leroy Sepessy  
Carolyn Upstill Werley

#### **BETA UPSILON/ BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Glyn Yeomans Jellicoe  
Barbara Cox Perry  
Mary Rittich  
Pauline Lee Taylor

#### **BETA PHI/PENN STATE**

Peggy Good Ewing  
Lydia Barraclough Hayes  
Jacqueline Hunter  
Hoffman

Jane Taylor Illingworth  
Elizabeth Swift Ishler  
Anne Sweger Kelly  
Carolyn DeHart Lauer  
Dorothy Lawley Williams

#### **BETA CHI/ALBERTA**

Elizabeth Reid Brumby

#### **BETA PSI/MCGILL**

Barbara Chambers  
Letitia Artola Cox  
Margaret Davidson  
Jackie Johnson Desoer  
Barbara Duncan  
Diane Brencley Ereaux  
Margaret Seng Habst  
Jane Currie Hugessen  
Joanne Marble  
Eugenia McCaw  
Ann Pitt McGee  
Dorothy Proulx  
Elizabeth Radley  
Elizabeth Sutherland  
Dody Cuttle Swenson  
Elizabeth Toscano  
Beverly Brophey Turner  
Eileen Major Vanheyst

#### **BETA OMEGA/ COLORADO COLLEGE**

Elsie Walden Cook  
Sue Salzenstein Dietsch  
Beverly Goss Friedman

Joyce Matthews Graefen  
Elaine Steele Lynn  
Elizabeth Meister  
McKenna  
Marilyn Moore  
Jean Clark Preston  
Mary Robison  
Joan Kilpatrick Scheurich  
Jean Niedermeyer Scott

#### **GAMMA GAMMA/ ROLLINS**

Roslyn Swift Furr  
Mary Hobart Gibbons  
Betty Mikkelson Martin  
Susan Monaghan  
Mooney  
Mary Dew Osborne  
Jeannette Kelly Warren

#### **GAMMA DELTA/ GEORGIA**

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Marilyn Hendley Bush  
Joan Higgins Clay  
Sally Cody  
Mary Black Robinson  
Gloria Parr Smith

#### **GAMMA EPSILON/ WESTERN**

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Lucille Stephens  
Dykeman  
Jane Menzies Gamble  
Mariann Schlegel  
Holman  
Janice McCuaig Laking  
Joan Knowles Lawrence  
Eleanor Robson Little  
Betty Howe McCormack  
Freida Faulds McElheran  
Dorothy Loveless Nixon  
Beverly Ord  
E Young Pearce  
Joan Crich Sifton  
Margaret Mitchell  
Sonmore  
Cecilia Rows Watson  
Anne Johnson Whetstone  
Barbara Wyatt

#### **GAMMA ZETA/ CONNECTICUT**

Mary Jezyk Beck  
Corinne Gourd Bunce  
Patricia Clawson Fleckner  
Janet Grenon Gannon  
Marguerite Short Holmes  
Elizabeth Vanetten Jacobs  
Joan Molloy Johnson  
Nancy Heflin Johnston  
Shirley Brabec McNamara  
Liz McKnight Morrison  
Patricia Charleson  
Murphy  
Joann Craig Ogletree  
Barbara Lynch Page  
E.L. Luxir Simpkins  
Constance Herbi Smith  
Marilyn Adrian Smith

Nancy Canby Sunshine  
Lois Sundvall Thomas

#### **GAMMA ETA/ MASSACHUSETTS**

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Ann Burre  
Marilyn Derby Crary  
Joan Heath Day  
Barbara Galletly  
Barbara Hill  
Juliette Cichon Howell  
Caroline Hasbrouck  
Smith

Jane Kline Steele  
Marilyn White

#### **GAMMA THETA/ CARNEGIE MELLON**

Barbara Rautenberg  
Baker  
Trudy Albright Burlingame  
Suzanne Titzel Creighton  
Nancy Davis Roslund  
Boots Stevenson Sapper  
Kathryn Snure Sharon

#### **GAMMA IOTA/ KENTUCKY**

Ann McChesney Brown  
Lee Dolid Greene-Orr  
Betty Dunn Guinaugh  
Martha Wilson Haydon  
Julia Pannell Holder  
Barbara Montague Lovett  
Joan Hendricks Mayhugh  
Sue Bird McHugh  
Harriette Spalding Mohr  
Sara Morgan  
Fran Saffell Parker  
Margaret Tweedy Regan

#### **GAMMA KAPPA/ GEORGE WASHINGTON**

Lawris McKee Beyda  
Elizabeth Hammond  
Conroy  
Madeleine Barry  
Goehausen  
Patricia Hayes  
Kay Wade MacLeod  
Gwendolyn Mason  
Suzanne Kerr Saunders  
Nancy Stevens

#### **GAMMA LAMBDA/ BELOIT**

Helen Johnson Haddick  
Gwen Chisman Harris  
Marcia McAfee Heckler  
Mary Hurst Idema  
Alice Needham Nelson  
Jean Whitehead Reese  
Jeanne Law Yale

#### **GAMMA MU/ MARYLAND**

Pat Murphy Forbes  
Jean Parker Schramm  
Donna Eastlack Taylor

#### **GAMMA NU/ NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

Lorraine Gustafson  
Anderson  
Rosemarie Ulven  
Dahlman  
Jeanine Bell Dreisner  
Betty Forbes Howe  
Junette Hill Keating  
Betty Gordhammer  
Leverson  
Marian Paris Plummer

#### **GAMMA XI/ SAN JOSE STATE**

Sharon Wilson Bariteau  
Corinne Kenneally Barry  
Pinky Stone Brady  
Betty King Conway  
Gay Cottrell  
Mary Cox Draper  
Frances Scott Free  
Lois Topham Hoyt  
June Lavelle  
Jean Jorgensen Lovely  
Diane Wilson McConnell  
Kathleen Baird Monahan  
Patricia Alexander O'Reilly  
Doris Snell Parsons  
Nanci Schroen Sibley  
Deborah Downer Silvan  
Rachel Fletcher Solari  
Eve MacQuarrie Soros  
Margot Blake Warburton  
Barbara Harvey Withan  
Corrine Garibaldi Young

#### **GAMMA OMICRON/ NEW MEXICO**

Rita Lloyd Camlin  
Joan Shaner Cooley  
Marilyn Izzard  
Hildebrandt  
Martha Kurz Koval  
Mitzi Reed Magill  
Ann Redfield  
Barbara Pearson  
Sargeant  
Jay Pettitt Stevens  
Mary Clift Terrill  
Janet Patton Urquhart  
Marjorie Noble Wilson  
Sue Stephens Woods

#### **GAMMA PI/ IOWA STATE**

Jane McAdam Adams  
Marianne Swanson  
Bishop  
Mary Lorenz Collins  
Letitia Kneen Cory  
Jean Rinehart Hartman  
Marilyn Heuring Lebhun  
Patt Forsyth Welterlen

As these special members share their stories with us, we post them on the Diamond Thetas page of the Theta website each year: [www.kappaalphatheta.org/members/recognition/diamond-thetas](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/members/recognition/diamond-thetas)

# Meet Your 2024 ThetaConnect Promoters!



Ten ThetaConnect users were selected to be 2024 ThetaConnect Promoters at the end of 2023. The ThetaConnect Promoter program mobilizes ThetaConnect users who share a passion for the Theta community and are willing to help others. Promoters assist in the growth of ThetaConnect.

**Alexa Schwartz,**  
*Alpha Phi/Tulane*

**Amanda Hill,**  
*Zeta Theta/Cal Poly*

**Anna Wilson,**  
*Beta Kappa/Drake*

**Batu Olana,**  
*Eta Eta/College of Idaho*

**Ginger Gardner Featherstone,**  
*Delta Theta/Florida*

**Jaiden Rensch,**  
*Kappa/Kansas*

**Karly Swett,**  
*Delta Epsilon/Arizona State*

**Kim Kuryla Peake,**  
*Zeta Upsilon/UT Dallas*

**Meghan Quinn,**  
*Beta Phi/Penn State*

**Sophie Thibault,**  
*Eta Omega/Saint Louis*

## What is your favorite ThetaConnect feature?



The Mentoring Area



The Groups Area



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The Mentoring Area



The Directory



The Mentoring Area



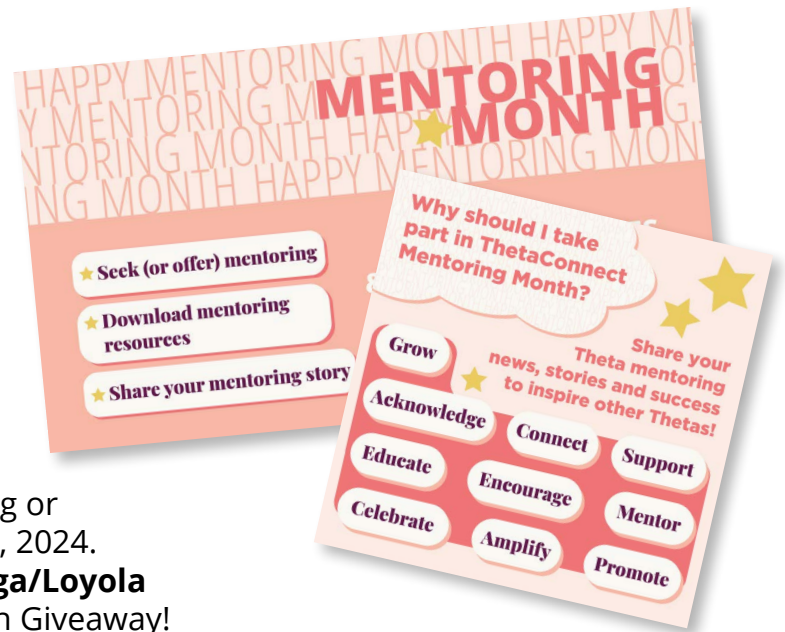
The Main Feed

# Mentoring: A Key Element of the ThetaConnect Experience

In the month of January, ThetaConnect celebrated Mentoring Month, a special time to celebrate members who have served as mentors and to seek opportunities to find and be mentors for other Thetas. Even outside of January, there are always ways you can participate in mentoring on ThetaConnect.

- Seek or offer mentoring by updating your personal mentoring settings.
- Download mentoring resources from the Resources area.
- Share your mentoring story on the ThetaConnect feed.

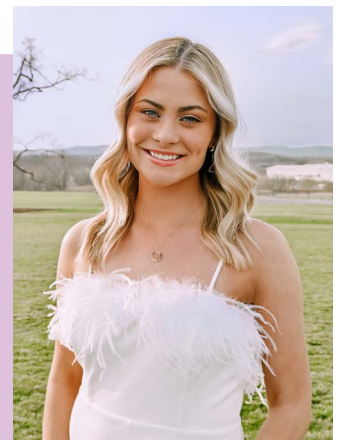
**As thanks for being a part of mentoring on ThetaConnect**, we gave away a copy of *Feminists Reclaim Mentorship: An Anthology* to one user who marked themselves as Seeking or Offering Mentoring in ThetaConnect by Jan. 31, 2024. Congratulations to **Isabella Eaton, Zeta Omega/Loyola Marymount**, for winning the Mentoring Month Giveaway!



## A Mentoring Testimonial

**"Before joining Kappa Alpha Theta, I was unaware of the continued leadership, educational, personal, and professional opportunities I would receive as a member of this fantastic organization. Now, with ThetaConnect, I can communicate and support thousands of active collegian and alumnae members through their endeavors while receiving the same support and encouragement. One of my favorite parts about ThetaConnect is the mentorship opportunity. I am incredibly grateful for my mentor, Shelli Smith Liston, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma, whom I connected with through the Mentoring tab; you can search for Thetas in your desired career field, industry, and location. Shelli inspires me with how she embodies Theta's values in all our interactions and conversations."**

**-Meghan Quinn, Beta Phi/Penn State**



# Chapter Groups Are the Place to Be!

As of February 2024, these are the top 10 chapter groups in ThetaConnect with the most members within!

<b>Beta Delta/Arizona</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>Delta Theta/Florida</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>Alpha Mu/Missouri</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>Delta Kappa/LSU</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Delta Omega/Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Gamma Omega/Auburn</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Delta Omicron/Alabama</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>Gamma Iota/Kentucky</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Psi/Wisconsin</b>	<b>134</b>

**Check to see how many people are in your chapter on ThetaConnect by visiting the Directory and filtering by chapter of initiation!**

## What's happening in chapter groups in ThetaConnect?



“ Baton Rouge KAΘ Alumnae Chapter is kicking off Initiation Week events with some coffee from  Cherrybomb Coffee   this morning for LSU Kappa Alpha Theta   

*-Jodi Roberts Gianfala, Delta Kappa/LSU*

“Meeting up with my pledge sister Heather where she lives in Amsterdam November 2023. We are both from Delta Omicron/Alabama 2001 pledge class.”

*-Jennifer Smith Toprani, Delta Omicron/Alabama*



“Howdy! The Delta Omega Chapter celebrated Kappa Alpha Theta’s founding on January 27th, 2024. We loved seeing our actives interacting with Alumnae forging friendships and celebrating our wonderful sisterhood! Brittany Taunton gave a moving speech about her time in theta that had many actives wiping tears It was so special to see all thetas, old and new coming together to engage in our ritual traditions!”

*-Abby Claybrook, Delta Omega/Texas A&M*

Join ThetaConnect today at ***[thetacconnect.org](https://thetacconnect.org)***!

# Making a Difference *for Good*

In fall 2022, a new college chapter giving program, aptly named Theta for Good, was established. One of Kappa Alpha Theta's three aims is to exercise the widest influence for good, which includes cultivating philanthropists who seek to create real, positive change in their communities. Theta for Good provides college chapters with the opportunity to pursue their philanthropic priorities and exercise the widest influence for good by supporting local nonprofits and Theta Foundation.

Theta for Good was created to further the impact that college chapters and members are already making, and it streamlines the fundraising process for college chapter officers. When participating in the program, there is nothing that a chapter needs to do differently when it comes to planning or hosting an event. After the event, chapters designate at least 25% of their proceeds to Theta Foundation, and the remaining funds are directed to one or more of the following:

- The National CASA/GAL Association;
- A local CASA/GAL chapter; or
- Organizations that help children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect or otherwise support their health and welfare.

Theta Foundation is one of the philanthropic priorities of Kappa Alpha Theta (along with National CASA/GAL), and many chapters have long contributed to Theta Foundation and National CASA/GAL but may have held separate events for each nonprofit. Now, they can support both at the same time!

Since the implementation of Theta for Good, more than 95% of our college chapters have participated in the program. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of 100% chapter participation.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, chapters participating in the Theta for Good program contributed over half a million dollars to meaningful causes: **\$517,000!** And contributions to Theta Foundation increased by over 100% in just one year!

Thank you to our college chapters participating in Theta for Good. It is because of you that Theta Foundation can continue to fund programs through the *Theta Forever Fund*.

“Being able to see the direct impact of our philanthropic work for both [our local CASA chapter and Theta Foundation] has opened members’ eyes to see how we hold these causes near and dear to our hearts in Kappa Alpha Theta, and how we have the power to make a greater impact in our community, not just on campus. It has allowed us to do more with both organizations and has become something so much bigger. *The program is so easy to participate in and transition into and has made fundraisers more successful, widening our impact.* I know our chapter is looking forward to continuing to participate in the Theta for Good program.”

—Members from Gamma Chapter at Butler University



# Making a *Transformative* Difference

Now that you know more about Theta for Good, you may be asking yourself: Where do the dollars raised through Theta for Good go? How are these funds used?

In large part, the dollars raised through Theta for Good are given to the *Theta Forever Fund* to support educational, leadership, and philanthropic initiatives that help ensure the Theta experience exists for generations to come. In other words, these dollars make the Fraternity's signature programs possible at little to no cost to members! Let's take a closer look at a few of the transformative programs that rely on dollars from the *Theta Forever Fund*.



## ***At a glance, some programs that are made possible by the Theta Forever Fund are...***

- Countless educational leadership consultant (ELC) visits to help collegians achieve their goals and foster belonging in their communities
- Formal leadership programs (like Emerging Leaders Institute [ELI], Leadership Academy, and the Leadership Certificate Program [LCP]) aimed at developing the next generation of leaders
- Career readiness programming geared toward third- and fourth-year students
- Easily accessible mental health screening and suicide prevention resources
- In-person Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP) visits at 20+ college chapters each year
- Virtual sessions catered to advisors and alumnae chapter officers on topics like coaching a new generation of students
- Updates to the Heritage Museum at Theta headquarters to more effectively share the history of sororities and fraternities in the U.S. and Canada through the Kappa Alpha Theta lens

“Theta does a wonderful job bridging the gap between college and career. The LCP is a prime example of Theta’s dedication to professional development. Because of this program, I feel more prepared for my future career and more confident in my foundational knowledge of being an effective leader.”

—*Tia Vlasman, Alpha Rho/South Dakota, LCP participant*





## A DEEPER DIVE: EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE (ELI)

As with most in-person activities, ELI came to an abrupt halt with the onset of the global pandemic. Theta Foundation funding enabled the return of this important program in 2022.

The program has been revamped and is better than ever! Last year, undergraduate Thetas took part in ELI, which was hosted over a long weekend at the University of Maryland. And, thanks to support from the *Theta Forever Fund*, attending members were only charged a \$100 participation fee.

As the name implies, this four-day, in-person leadership experience is geared toward undergraduate members who consider their leadership abilities to be “emerging.” Over the course of the program, participants develop a greater understanding of who they are as a person and how to apply the leadership concepts and skills they gain to their undergraduate experience and beyond.

Leading research from the Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership indicates that formal programs like ELI are one of the best ways to build leadership capacity in college students. Unfortunately, the data also points to the fact that many students are not afforded opportunities to participate in such programming. Theta’s ELI exists to help fill this gap by providing accessible, formal leadership development to members.

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“ELI offers transformational experiences to members who are committed to being change-makers in Kappa Alpha Theta. Many participants go on to serve as positional and non-positional leaders within their chapters, campuses, and greater communities. Witnessing their growth in such a short period of time is one of the most fulfilling aspects of my role and would not be possible without the generous support of Theta Foundation.”

—Adam M. Bantz, *Former Assistant Director of Collegiate Services and Education & Leadership*

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The program aims to impart general leadership knowledge, skills, and—perhaps most importantly—confidence, based on relevant leadership theory. The curriculum focuses on the Relational Leadership Model and leans on CliftonStrengths and John Kotter’s Eight-Step Model for Leading Change to maximize applicability and impact.

# Making a *Lasting* Difference

## RECOGNIZING OUR 2023 GIVINGTUESDAY AMBASSADORS

GivingTuesday 2023 was a record year for ambassadors. Collectively, there was an overall increase in participation, dollars raised, and engagement with members of all ages.



Kappa Alpha Theta's giving day is held on GivingTuesday, which takes place annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Ambassadors not only connect with thousands of members and friends of Theta all over the world, but they inspire others to give and make an impact. GivingTuesday ambassadors are an integral part of this annual campaign.

This year, we had some particularly creative and successful ambassadors. Through their outreach efforts and passion for preserving the Theta experience, they made a significant contribution to GivingTuesday 2023. We are so appreciative of the many Thetas who served as ambassadors in 2023 and would like to recognize a few ambassadors who went above and beyond.

### TOP FUNDRAISERS

- 1 Jane Palmer Horlings,**  
Rho/Nebraska
- 2 Kim Harvey Looney,**  
Delta Pi/Tennessee
- 3 Lyn Stewart Simensen,**  
Gamma Gamma/Rollins

### Most Donations Secured

Rachel Coulter, Zeta Theta/Cal Poly

### ThetaConnect GivingTuesday Champion

Meghan Quinn, Beta Phi/Penn State

### Most Passionate Post

Christiane Hoffman Frank, Zeta Omega/  
Loyola Marymount

### GIVINGTUESDAY 2023 IN NUMBERS

Total Ambassadors: **120**

Total Gifts Secured by Ambassadors: **240**

Total Raised by Ambassadors: **\$26,511**

## TOTAL RAISED ON GIVINGTUESDAY 2023: **\$146,090**



*Save the date for  
GivingTuesday 2024!*

We hope you'll join us by investing in the next generation of Thetas on **Dec. 3, 2024!**

## PLANNING AHEAD

When Kappa Alpha Theta was founded 154 years ago, a tradition of academic excellence, widest influence for good, and love began. That tradition continues when donors commit to ensure the Theta experience exists for future members. In planning your future, both during your lifetime and after, we hope you will remember Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Lambert Legacy Society recognizes members and friends who have thoughtfully included gifts to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in their estate plans. It is named for Betty Baur Lambert, Alpha Chi/Purdue, and her husband, James, whose generous bequest became a leading source for Kappa Alpha Theta's graduate scholarship program.

To become a member of the Lambert Legacy Society, or to learn more about

leaving your legacy with Kappa Alpha Theta, please visit **[kappaalphatheta.planmylegacy.org](http://kappaalphatheta.planmylegacy.org)** or use the Contact Us form on the Theta website with Foundation selected in the drop-down menu related to what your inquiry entails.

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“There is no greater reward for our wonderful gift of Theta friendship for a lifetime than saying ‘thank you’ with a gift of time or money to support and carry on the legacy that we have been privileged to be a part of and enjoy.”

*-Betty Baur Lambert,  
Alpha Chi/Purdue*

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“Kappa Alpha Theta has given so much to me as a collegian and more as an alumna member. I value my membership, and I want to make sure that Theta is there for others. I also believe in the power of women. Getting an education is so important to provide that power. I want to make sure that all benefit from Kappa Alpha Theta like I have—socially, intellectually, and morally. My husband and I are honored to be able to be a small part of the future with planned gifts.”

*-Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Rho/Nebraska*

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# Snapshots

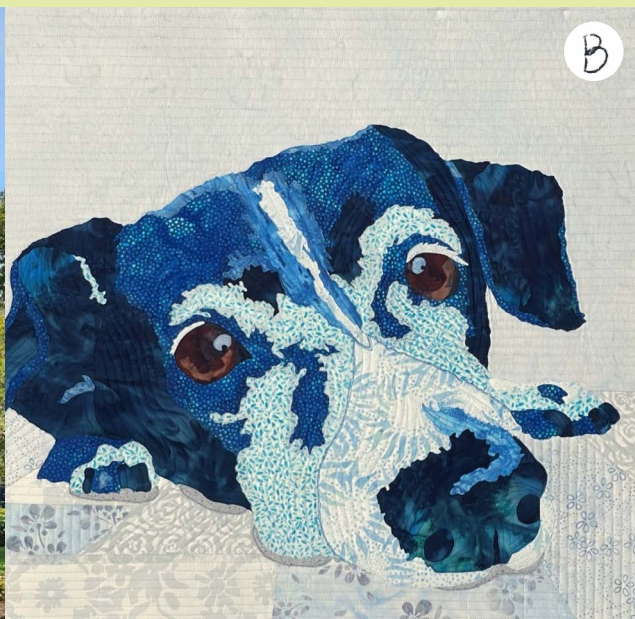


## INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A Celeste Murphy Greene, Beta Xi/UCLA**, is now chair and associate professor for the Department of Political Science, History, and International Studies at Hampton University. Located in Hampton, Va., Hampton University is an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). Green's research focuses on environmental justice.
- B Howard's Blue Period**, the latest quilt by **Lori Cammie Rice, Epsilon Nu/Virginia Tech**, has been selected to travel the country as one of the twenty quilts selected from more than 350 submitted quilts. Hoffman California Fabric has an annual challenge to the quilting community.
- C Gracie Koonce, Epsilon Iota/Westminster**, was a star Blue Jays soccer player who set four records at the college, including most goals in a game, when Koonce scored five goals against Blackburn College. In that same game, Gracie went down in Westminster history as the player with the most points in a game (12). Additionally, Gracie holds the record for the most points (109) and goals (43) in a career. In 2017 and 2018, Gracie was named to the SLIAC All-Tournament Team and was Second Team All-Conference. She was also SLIAC All-Academic Team three times: 2016, 2017, and 2018. After majoring in biochemistry and minoring in Spanish, Gracie graduated summa cum laude from Westminster in 2018. In 2023, she graduated from the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif.



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**D** **Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter** members sorted donations at a local clothing bank for students for Theta's Day of Service. Thanks to Alumnae Chapter President **Blake Kennedy Graves, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma**, for submitting the photo!

**E** Members of **Alpha Phi/Tulane** gathered at the chapter house to celebrate their 35-year anniversary as Thetas. Pictured are **Sue Strachan, Cynthia Bibb Pectol, Kim Piper Heffernan, Annie Stewart DePole, Laura Morgan Heller, Stacey McReynolds, Jill Coulson Ridini, Jane Snyder Fitzpatrick, Leslie Holzmark Franklin, and Hollie Larsen Cummings**, all Alpha Phi/Tulane.

**F** **Alumnae Chapter Co-President Alma Doll McCutchin Pratt, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**, sent this photo from the **Dallas Alumnae Chapter's** Day of Service activities. Members worked in the garden at New Friends New Life, a local organization that "restores and

empowers trafficked and sexually exploited teen girls, women, and their children, and drives awareness of the issue and its prevalence. By providing access to education, job training, interim financial assistance, mental health, and spiritual support, New Friends New Life helps women and their children overcome backgrounds of abuse, addiction, poverty, and limited opportunities." Pictured are **Alma Doll McCutchin Pratt; Kim Collier Dammicci, Delta Kappa/LSU; Aimee Grimshaw, Beta Lambda/William & Mary; Toni Alles, Alpha/DePauw; Julie Paul Noble, Beta Sigma/SMU; Alyssa Powers, Theta Theta/NC State; Maureen Larson Tarantello, Iota/Cornell; Mary Ellen Kalich Savage, Kappa/Kansas; and Dana Lee Kale, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State.**

**G** **Nashville Alumnae Chapter's** lunch bunch met at Bringle's Smoking Oasis. Pictured are **Alumnae Chapter President-elect Christine Locke, Eta Phi/Nashville**, and outgoing **Alumnae Chapter President Mary Bess Corbin, Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor.**





**H** The **San Mateo County Alumnae Chapter** assembled Halloween Treat bags for all the foster children of their local CASA/GAL office. **Alumnae Chapter President Vicky Vander Vorste King, Alpha Rho/South Dakota**, sent in this picture.

**I** Four **Lambda/Vermont** Thetas from the class of 1960 met for the eighteenth (!) time in Carlsbad, Calif. **Sue Quade Matthews, Karen Johnson Clements, Pat Reville Ling, and Renate Reimerdes Tilson**, all **Lambda/Vermont**, enjoyed getting together and recalling fond Theta memories.

**J** Enjoying the fall weather at the Indiana-Wisconsin football game were **Liz Sinnock Drake, Beta/Indiana; Lily Cross, Psi/Wisconsin**; and **Kate Dimmett, Beta/Indiana**.

**K** Members of **Louisville Alumnae Chapter** were happy to get together for an Octoberfest Potluck dinner. Pictured are **Corrine Marz Williams, Alpha Tau/Cincinnati**; **Judie Wylie**

**Henderson, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**; **Susan Ehrman Ochs, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**; **Kay Winebrenner Reis, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**; **Kitty Ferriday Beggs, Gamma/Butler**; **Julie Fuller Preston, Alpha Xi/Oregon**; **Jeannie Haines Livesay, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**; **Dana Robinson, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**; **Ashley Krininger, Nu/Hanover**; **Linda Knox, Gamma Upsilon/Miami**; **Jamie Johnson Harper, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**; and **Linda Hewson Edmondson, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**.

**L** The **New Haven, CT Alumnae Circle** met at **Joan Hasting Kreiger's** house for a ritual presentation. Pictured are **Mollie Conrades Bouldin, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt**; **Jessica Lerner Halprin, Alpha Iota/Washington-St. Louis**; **Valerie Kronick Maschio, Gamma Zeta/Connecticut**; **Diane Goijburg Kichar, Epsilon Theta/Stetson**; **Sheryl Salmons Culotta, Zeta Zeta/Colgate**; **Miriam Reay Bell, Upsilon/Minnesota**; **Joan Hasting Kreiger, Chi/Syracuse**; and **Carly Flannery, Gamma Zeta/Connecticut**.



**M** Members of the **Tacoma Alumnae Chapter** enjoyed being together and with collegians for Founders Day. Pictured are **Meredith Martin-Almy McKinley, Eta Mu/Occidental; Jamie Martin-Almy, Delta Delta/Whitman; Mary Deming Barber, Delta Delta/Whitman; Julie Stimpson Lewis, Alpha Lambda/Washington; Libby Gagliardi Catalinich, Alpha Lambda/Washington; Brenda Wilder Sanders, Delta Delta/Whitman; Kara Ryckman Chappell, Kappa/Kansas; Hillary Coulson, Beta Epsilon/Oregon State; Ana Rodriguez, Epsilon Theta/Stetson; Alana Pennington Garrett, Phi/Pacific; Natalie Hoogner, Alpha Sigma/Washington State; Liesl Rhenish, Delta Iota/Puget Sound; Alyxandra Fezer, Delta Iota/Puget Sound; Maxine Latterell, Delta Iota/Puget Sound; Susan Hazelrigg Volz, Delta Delta/Whitman; Sherry Harrison Sites, Beta Lambda/William & Mary; Christine Botts Johnson, Alpha Sigma/Washington State; Kelly Haynes Grabinski, Alpha Sigma/Washington State; Kari Kiehn Bradley, Alpha Sigma/Washington State; and Holly Powell, Delta Iota/Puget Sound.**

**N** The **Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders Day in style. Many **Psi/Wisconsin** members from the new member class of 1983 had a mini reunion, including an overnight stay and a pizza and bowling night out. Thanks to **Alumnae Chapter President Cheryl Naasko Pounds, Psi/Wisconsin**, for sending this photo.

**O** Thank you, **Madelynn Kordik, Epsilon Iota/Westminster**, for submitting this photo from celebrating Founders Day with fellow collegians and **Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter** members.

**P** Members of the **Westchester, NY Alumnae Chapter** participated in a cold and wet Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in honor of Theta's Day of Service. The team raised \$1,900! Pictured are **Karen Wicke Boyle, Epsilon Kappa/Dartmouth; Brynne Williams Shaner, Alpha/DePauw; and Mary Ann Cate, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**. Thanks to **Alumnae Chapter President Lisa Davis Olney, Delta Epsilon/Arizona State**, for updating us on your chapter's service.



**Q** The **Omaha Alumnae Chapter** had another great ornament exchange and meeting in December. Thanks to **Laura Johnson Pham, Alpha Rho/South Dakota**, for submitting this charming photo.

**R** An engagement party was held for **Virginia Morgan, Delta Omicron/Alabama**, and many Thetas attended. Pictured are **Elizabeth Aune, Delta Omicron/Alabama**; **Emma Sedlacek, Delta Omicron/Alabama**; **Lynne Klinke, Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor**; **Leslie Hauser Sadler, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma**; **Ardith Morrison Morgan, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**; **Virginia Morgan**; **Kimberley Drummond Hawthorne, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**; **Maggie Hildebrandt Harris, Alpha Rho/South Dakota**; **Katherine Brown Lanford, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**; **Susan Smith Epperson, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**; **Caroline Madden Colquett, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**; and **Holly Horton Smith, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**.

**S** The **Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter** snapped this group photo at their Founders Day Event.

**T** **Delta Kappa/LSU** members gathered to celebrate the chapter's 60th anniversary.

**U** **Gamma Iota/Kentucky** members from the 2004 new member class gathered for a reunion in October. Pictured in front of the chapter house are **Kelly Eisenmenger Hall, Kate Beebe, Nicole Eovino Diebold, Liz Gant Lowry, Megan Alexander Housley, Kathleen Norcia Arnold, Melanie Regan, Lucy Hagan Herrmann, and Sara Henderson Allen**, all **Gamma Iota/Kentucky**.



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**W** Members of the **Nashville Alumnae Chapter** gathered to celebrate the chapter's 100th anniversary. Pictured are **Vicki Laughlin McCluggage, Omicron/USC; Florence Stumb Davis, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt; Lissa Luton Bradford, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt; Lissa Bradford, Delta Omicron/Alabama; and Adelaide Davis, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt.**

**W** The **New York City Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders Day in style!

**X** Members from **Gamma Nu Chapter** at **North Dakota State University** and members of the **Fargo Alumnae Chapter** gathered to celebrate Founders Day!

**Y** Two Thetas met up at the Philadelphia Area Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon: **Rachel Jeanes, Epsilon Rho/Lehigh, and Sarah Henle, Gamma Pi/Iowa State.**

**Z** **Beverly Clark Sargent** and **Stevie Stevens Eller**, both **Beta Delta/Arizona**, snapped this photo wearing their 75-year pins! Beverly said, "We were honored guests at Arizona's Beta Delta Founders Day luncheon at Skyline Country Club in Tucson [in January]. Stevie and I are still close friends to this day and have lunch every week at our favorite restaurant in Phoenix. Great memories and great friendship!"

## SNAPSHOTS

- A The **Charlotte Area Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders Day together.
- B Twenty-five members of **Beta Pi Chapter** at **Michigan State University** gathered for a reunion before a football game!



## AUTHORS

- C **Jill Apsit Fordyce, Omicron/USC**, has chosen Post Hill press to publish her debut novel, *Belonging*. It is a coming-of-age story of a young woman set in Bakersfield, Calif.



"BELONGING is a wise, uplifting, and deeply compassionate novel with characters so vivid they feel like part of your own family."  
—Stacy Swann, author of *Olympus, Texas*



# Belonging

A Novel

JILL FORDYCE



# JUST TAKE A

# Moment

We'd love to hear from you, and we'd love to share what fun you're up to with your Theta sisters. We invite you to just take a moment to submit a "Snapshot" for an upcoming issue of the *Theta Magazine*. Send us a photo with personal or professional news, of past travels, virtual or in-person reunions, or a photo depicting a cherished Theta experience or memory. There's no news too small, and we think everything Thetas do is newsworthy!

## WANT TO GO A STEP FURTHER?

Help us visually portray Theta authentically and inclusively. Representation matters, and it is important to us that Theta's materials reflect the diverse identities of our members. The activities below are just some that we'd love to receive more photos of:

- Virtual events, including reunions, group events, and get-togethers;
- CASA/GAL, philanthropy, and service involvement; and
- Candid (unposed!) sisterhood photos.

## HOW TO SUBMIT:

- Online via the Theta website: [www.kappaalphatheta.org/contact](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/contact)
- Email [marketing@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:marketing@kappaalphatheta.org)

## NOTE:

Digital photos must be shot at the highest quality possible and submitted at the largest size possible. Please don't crop, retouch, filter, or edit in any way.

Kappa Alpha Theta mourns the loss of these members who passed away during 2023.  
Dates indicate the year of initiation.

**ALPHA/DEPAUW**

Pat Meredith Bennett, 1948  
Ann Hitz Chaille, 1960  
Charlotte Taylor Cooney, 1949  
Martha Milbacher Hess, 1960  
Susan Steinhauer Hettinger, 1954  
Marjorie Davis Morehead, 1951  
Patricia Opie Parker, 1948  
Mary Arnold Stanley, 1955  
Janet Westmen Taylor, 1946  
Cathy Manhart Walton, 1946

**BETA/INDIANA**

Majie Alford Failey, 1944  
Diana Toner Keenan, 1949  
Martha Pohlmeier Rarick, 1956

**GAMMA/BUTLER**

Elizabeth Williams Carey, 1954  
Mitzi Gaffney Carter, 1950  
Marilyn Boyle Clark, 1953  
Diane Roberts DeKuyper, 1955  
Courtney Bayse Ercan, 1995  
Julie Farmer Everett, 1950  
Gail Siefker Hayes, 1983  
Nancy Neale Moore, 1955  
Mary Kay Handy Snyder, 1958

**DELTA/ILLINOIS**

Nancy Martin Amdal, 1970  
Mary Bliss Dadant, 1966  
Jeanette Stafford Flaningam, 1941  
Kristen Engdahl Huber, 1985  
Faith Jansen Hussey, 1978  
Ginna Kraabel Lundeen, 1949

**ETA/MICHIGAN**

Lynnette Beall, 1956  
Nancy Marsh Nitz, 1954  
Pat Raney Pogue, 1952  
Dianne Isherwood Tilson, 1968

**IOTA/CORNELL**

Marion Graham Blose, 1943  
Libby Hunsberger Craver, 1949  
Nancy Koehler Hansen, 1948  
Jean Purdy Rosseau, 1953  
Eloise Thro Stimson, 1940

**KAPPA/KANSAS**

Virginia Bartlett Dale, 1955  
Marjorie Critten Elliot, 1959  
Judy Crane Elliott McCoy, 1953

Tutie Smith Harrin, 1959  
Betty Carmean Jury, 1951  
Sallie Smith Landers, 1957  
Ann Spears Matheny, 1950  
Judy Carr McEachen, 1956

**LAMBDA/VERMONT**

Elizabeth Chamard Harrington, 1957  
Suzanne Shepard Warner, 1945

**GAMMA DEUTERON/  
OHIO WESLEYAN**

Jean Lewis Ditty, 1944  
Mary Welty Jennings, 1958  
Alice Lilley Komanecky, 1951  
Gail Woodford Kramer, 1958  
Martha Kirkpatrick Marsh, 1949  
Mary Ellen Hoffhines Miller, 1950  
Sally Brown Moldovan, 1949  
Octavio Muenster-Nuiry, 1971  
Gail Alling Phillips, 1956  
Susan Collie Pond, 1957  
Carol Anderson Stager, 1950  
Marty Rinehart Vlerebome, 1954

**MU/ALLEGHENY**

Amy Phillips Coyne, 1980  
Susan Herbig Galbraith, 1949  
Ev Koester Gatchel, 1949

**NU/HANOVER**

Susan Roberts Chadeayne, 1970  
Betsy Grogg Weber, 1991

**OMICRON/USC**

Crista Smith DeBruyn, 1981  
Kathleen McKie, 1975  
Michelle Heiner Nady, 1957  
Catherine MacLeod Shattuck, 1947

**PI/ALBION**

Carol Dentzer Deller, 1966  
Judith Shannette, 1960  
Molly Swart, 1979

**RHO/NEBRASKA**

Barbara Burdic Barchus, 1950  
Joanne Noble Berkshire, 1948  
Susie Grasmick Feistner, 1964  
Gina Sherwood Klein, 1981  
Janet Dean Luehrs, 1971  
Marty Manning, 1967  
Barbara Anderson Youngscap, 1959

**TAU/NORTHWESTERN**

Susan Mair Gray, 1951  
Betty Tanner Kaiser, 1948  
Jane Zwicky Lillie, 1941  
Nanci Schmus Milam, 1964  
Mary Haller Pampel, 1957

**UPSILON/MINNESOTA**

Anne McGowan Cline, 1948  
Joan Hoeglund Fales, 1953  
Colleen Rosenberger Rouzer, 1958

**PHI/PACIFIC**

Norma Frost Clark, 1959

**CHI/SYRACUSE**

Susan Farnsworth Ballard, 1957  
Bethany Muldoon Bombardo, 1965  
Molly Corbett Broad, 1959  
Nancy Knodel Haylor, 1946

**PSI/WISCONSIN**

Dorothy Baird Bridges, 1943  
Helen Hildebrandt Shannon, 1946  
Jane Grim Thompson, 1947

**OMEGA/UC BERKELEY**

Arlene Dumars Callaghan, 1951

**ALPHA GAMMA/OHIO STATE**

Elizabeth Frankman Beckley, 1959  
Doris Bergen, 1952  
Nancy Ferguson Brede, 1949  
Gloria Lindsey Crandall, 1950  
Jane Perry Hoff, 1957  
Constance Ellis Hughey, 1948  
Nancy Davis McClelland, 1954  
Babs Hanna Pfeiffer, 1945  
Sandra Dunkin Seitz, 1959  
Ruth Eickelberg Thomas, 1959  
Nana Richards Whalen, 1956  
Betsy Townsend Zahn, 1944

**ALPHA DELTA/GOUCHER**

Sylvia Blakeslee Herzog, 1949  
Eleanor Rutledge Holt, 1949

**ALPHA ETA/VANDERBILT**

Betty Gardner Larkins, 1950  
Kitty Garrott McClintock, 1952  
Louise Wattles Moreland, 1968  
Ann Blair Adams Parke, 1952  
Sarah Powell, 1973  
Julia Brownlow Pulliam, 1947  
Mary Alice Quinn, 1955

## **ALPHA THETA/TEXAS**

Barbara Wheless Altgelt, 1949  
Sue Ledbetter Bell, 1950  
Margaret Cannon Boyce Brown, 1942  
Lynne Bailey Carl, 1957  
Carolyn FitzGerald Chapman, 1942  
Nancy Ferguson Drushel, 1957  
Ann Todd Frase, 1953  
Marjorie Wright French, 1949  
Bitsy Trigg Gannon, 1944  
Angela Colvin Gaylord, 1953  
Marte Benge Griffith, 1982  
Toby Stall Jordan, 1959  
Bette Huff King, 1947  
Kathleen Tyler Nitschke, 1945  
Susan Spence Norvell, 1967  
Martha Kokernot Ratliff, 1960  
Sharon Verbryke Richards, 1968  
Barbara Braley Riddell, 1944  
Linda Snow, 1960  
Sara Cave Taylor, 1938  
Ann Thomas, 1967  
Polly Doherty Trapp, 1966  
Sissy Hogan Wood, 1953  
Del Birdsong Yale, 1951

*"You should live every  
moment as fully as  
you can."*

Jane Bennett Connell,  
Omega/UC Berkeley

## **ALPHA IOTA/ WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS**

Mary Drabelle Luke, 1942

## **ALPHA LAMBDA/WASHINGTON**

Suzanne Franzke Birkeland, 1954  
Jane McVay Cable, 1955  
Pamela Frieze Cobb, 1959  
Susanna Jahnke Draper, 1949  
Ruth Olson Keller, 1949  
Pat Krause Moreland, 1957  
Mary Darling Strausz, 1945

## **ALPHA MU/MISSOURI**

Sally Gaines Gentry, 1954  
Colleen Moran McMillan, 1959  
Patricia Larkin Miller, 1944  
Karen Huhn Monsees, 1964  
Janet Spaid Ornduff, 1954  
Gwen Nitzsche Shackelford, 1949  
Beverly Rowan Springmeyer, 1944

## **ALPHA NU/MONTANA**

Catherine Emison, 1973

Anna McGee Moody, 1945

Pat Schwarz Sandvig, 1951

## **ALPHA XI/OREGON**

Jean Burgess Durkee, 1949  
Alice Belt Faust, 1953  
Tina Sono Gies, 1978  
Jolene Banasco Segel, 1957  
Shay Wilmarth Wallace, 1967

## **ALPHA OMICRON/OKLAHOMA**

Betsy Evans Ache, 1951  
Jo Ann Denman Akers, 1949  
Barbara Sievers Brewer, 1949  
Mary Wright Brothers, 1954  
Martha Huffman Ferrell, 1953  
Dolly Peek Foster, 1955  
Olla Carter Johnson, 1947  
Helen Parkinson Lampkin, 1950  
Ann Pearson Leftwich, 1952  
Phyllis Williams Odell, 1952  
Margaret Long Parker, 1951  
Doris Heldenbrand Plume, 1947  
Charlotte Winsett Scaife, 1954  
Stefani Gurwell Schram, 1960  
Danys London Self, 1959  
Pat Delaney Snider, 1951  
Kay Kerr Sweeney, 1961  
Linda Colbert West, 1944

## **ALPHA PI/NORTH DAKOTA**

Lola Tangen Herman, 1959

## **ALPHA RHO/SOUTH DAKOTA**

Margaret Rossow Nelsen, 1960  
Trudy Hasse Nepstad, 1950  
Maryalice Bollinger Searl, 1954  
Marilyn Rush Simmons, 1957

## **ALPHA SIGMA/ WASHINGTON STATE**

Dorothy Bradford Hockett, 1945  
Janet Judy Johnson, 1965  
Edith Armstrong Bratt Shire, 1942  
Dorothy Harms Splittorf, 1947

## **ALPHA TAU/CINCINNATI**

Sally Cortright Holtzmuller, 1946  
Helen Wiedemann Jantz, 1944  
Bette Wimsey Kendrick, 1949  
Karen Stith Nulf, 1955

## **ALPHA UPSILON/WASHBURN**

Mickey Welty Roberts, 1951  
Connie Clarke Yoxall, 1949

## **ALPHA PHI/TULANE**

Jane Dezendorf Adams, 1955  
Susanne Thomson Loyd, 1959  
Wilma Baker Malhiot, 1940  
Marilynn Jones Robinson, 1957  
Helen Hauser Wisdom, 1958

## **ALPHA CHI/PURDUE**

Phyllis Barnaby, 2008  
Laura Kenworthy Bowers, 1978  
Joyce Brandt, 1967  
Susan Ashenfelter Carpenter, 1963  
Barbara Pinch Cooper, 1954  
Rossalynn Eckman Foster, 1959  
Sas Smith Frank, 1950  
Nancy Williams Moody, 1946  
Sara Pielemeier Ramming, 1952  
Gail Beckman Rudolph, 1949  
Ellie Sisson Ypma, 1957

## **ALPHA PSI/LAWRENCE**

Sara Mladejovsky Deitrich, 1988  
Virginia Scott Heinemann, 1947  
June Taylor Kroeschell, 1951  
Ruth Olson McGuire, 1951  
Betty Sperry Schneider, 1946  
Carol Adams Svoboda, 1954

## **BETA BETA/RANDOLPH-MACON**

Ann Pagenstecher Simpson, 1959

## **BETA GAMMA/ COLORADO STATE**

Jackie Fisher Boyd, 1948  
Bobby Evans Burch, 1941  
Joyce Easley Mathias, 1951  
Diane Doak Moyers, 1957  
Suzanne Davis Nash, 1948  
Marilyn Johnson Radaz, 1955  
Susan Shannon, 1974  
Phyllis Hill Stroh, 1954  
Margaret Bettinger Weiland, 1946

## **BETA DELTA/ARIZONA**

Phyllis Petersen Adams, 1970  
Barbara Wall Friedrich, 1955  
Bebe Clark Greenlee, 1948  
Gloria Gee Johnson, 1958  
Nan Parfet Miller, 1949  
Florence Leece Mullins, 1951

## **BETA EPSILON/OREGON STATE**

Nancy Clifton, 1965  
Marjorie Graves Ericson, 1949  
Louise Larson Grant, 1962  
Nansie Gilfillan Jensen, 1954  
Annis Bailey Oetinger, 1940  
Karen Anderson Rogers, 1955  
Mary Magruder Smith, 1940  
Debora Wahlquist Weber, 1968

## **BETA ZETA/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Sally Swim Ahrberg, 1951  
Sandra Birch Bull, 1972  
Frankie Jones Carroll, 1949  
Ann Rutherford Dixon, 1959

Judy Adams Gabel, 1959  
 Glenda Mullinax Kerns, 1955  
 Suzanne Renschler Lyles, 1957  
 Harriet Clark Patterson, 1970  
 Sharon Foster Rhees, 1961  
 Carrie Karns Shreck, 1973  
 Kathy McLaughlin Stuart, 1976  
 Janet Palmer Torrance, 1955  
 Sally Rowe Ziegenfuss, 1954

*"I try to uphold the  
 standards that Theta  
 taught: be kind to  
 others and be the best  
 you can be."*

Peggy Grayson Post,  
 Delta Kappa/LSU

#### **BETA ETA/PENNSYLVANIA**

Edythe Taylor Sweeney, 1944

#### **BETA THETA/IDAHO**

Mary Briggs Hawley, 1951  
 Gerry Stanfield Stevenson, 1946  
 Mary Gettle Williams, 1960

#### **BETA IOTA/COLORADO**

Gwendolyn Guernsey Carlile, 1957  
 Phyllis Snyder Egbert, 1943  
 Audre Roos Porterfield, 1949  
 Jane Zeller Weiss, 1957

#### **BETA KAPPA/DRAKE**

Barb Cullum MacNaughton, 1958  
 Doris Lohr Woods, 1941

#### **BETA LAMBDA/ WILLIAM & MARY**

Gaye Robinson Brown, 1957  
 Karen Edwards Fawcett, 1969  
 Tish Rustad Herrmann, 1952  
 Lisa Krizan, 1983  
 Betsy James Simmons, 1952

#### **BETA MU/NEVADA**

Shirley Oldfield Dobel, 1951  
 Betty Fantone Frenkel, 1960  
 Lisa Gallues Kinney, 1975

#### **BETA NU/FLORIDA STATE**

Ellen Heritage Avery, 1971  
 Karen McAnany Hatcher, 1984  
 Merle Suggs Hofmann, 1949  
 Beverly Perkins Jones, 1955

Stephanie Stratford Keezel, 1978  
 Roses Marcoux Longino, 1946  
 Jean Martin Moyle, 1954  
 Nancy Wehner, 1952

#### **BETA XI/UCLA**

Cathy Ryan Campbell, 1946  
 Joanne Thorne Feldman, 1952  
 Cate Butcher Hanley, 1976  
 Betty Todd May, 1954  
 Mary Wagner Scott, 1945  
 Jane McCleave Trautmann, 1957

#### **BETA OMICRON/IOWA**

Ursula Dawson Bhatia, 1949  
 Jan Stodola Kazimour, 1955  
 Jane Wykle Scott, 1949

#### **BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE**

Katie Sundberg Gingrass, 1952  
 Merle Key Greig, 1956  
 Marilyn Todd Hazelrigs, 1953  
 Mary Neller Jessup, 1953  
 Barbara Thompson Keith, 1942  
 Joan Bratton Leech, 1951  
 Anne Luoma, 1964  
 Susan Senff Mason, 1953  
 Barbara Schumacher Richardson, 1951

#### **BETA RHO/~**

Mary Lynn Kirkpatrick Jacobson, 1957  
 Connie Wise Lyons, 1951

#### **BETA SIGMA/SMU**

Diane Franklin Alexander, 1959  
 Mary Roorbach Bergman, 1952  
 Marilyn Parsons Budde, 1957  
 Barbara Erwin Fix, 1950  
 Betty Jane Lemmon Hein, 1949  
 Lovelyn English Hughes, 1952  
 Mary Stevenson Koehn, 1960  
 Linda Fleming Moore, 1967  
 Florence McClain Priebe, 1960  
 Nell Nash Velvin, 1956

#### **BETA TAU/DENISON**

Anne Hall Brodgerski, 1965  
 Mary Gibson Bruscino, 1957  
 Nancy Schroeder Carpenter, 1955  
 Judith Baker Edwards, 1960  
 Nancy Price Harrison, 1944  
 Kelly Kimball, 1979  
 Lisabeth Mohlere, 1988  
 Barbara Hayes Olmsted, 1951  
 Nancy Baylor Ronemus, 1951  
 Margaret Pole Taylor, 1949

#### **BETA PHI/PENN STATE**

Gail Schultz Beere, 1957  
 Frances White Gehm, 1953  
 Betsy Housum Jordan, 1953

Joan Wiley Kamrad, 1950  
 Marion Gray Oxley, 1949

#### **BETA CHI/ALBERTA**

Georgia MacNab Brown, 1948  
 Marion Neal Burrus, 1954  
 Lois Courtney Hall, 1945  
 Joan McFarlane Thomson, 1950

#### **BETA OMEGA/ COLORADO COLLEGE**

Julia Winchell Lackey, 1944  
 Bobbie Vance Robbins, 1952  
 Annette Wilcox, 1944

#### **GAMMA GAMMA/ROLLINS**

Nancy Wentzel Aspinwall, 1970

#### **GAMMA DELTA/GEORGIA**

Elizabeth Baylor, 1964  
 Barbara Holt Brewster, 1963  
 Eloise Hooper Flanagan, 1957  
 Barbara Hunter Moore, 1961  
 Pat Zimmerman Pittard, 1962  
 Betty Youmans Williams, 1949

#### **GAMMA EPSILON/WESTERN**

Jane Foulds St. John, 1957

#### **GAMMA ZETA/CONNECTICUT**

Joyce Alaimo Frangiamore, 1962  
 Joyce Flydal Mazurek, 1951  
 Beverly Holmes Northrop, 1954

#### **GAMMA ETA/MASSACHUSETTS**

Nancy Pond Hastings, 1951  
 Janet Nichols Krueger, 1954  
 Barbara Cooper Merrill, 1946

#### **GAMMA THETA/ CARNEGIE MELLON**

Margie Ruttle Breder, 1952  
 Carole Hess Buswell, 1951

#### **GAMMA IOTA/KENTUCKY**

Ann Carson Asbury, 1951  
 Chic Gay Clemons, 1963  
 Carole Payne Cusick, 1955  
 Beverly Neudecker Dawkins, 1949  
 Nancy Burress Dunkerley, 1965  
 Mildred Long Ewen, 1945  
 Suzanna Fish Halley, 1959  
 Claire Mabry Holland, 1947  
 Leah McCain Settles, 1986

#### **GAMMA KAPPA/ GEORGE WASHINGTON**

Marcia Thomas Eisinger, 1959

#### **GAMMA LAMBDA/BELOIT**

Carol Christensen Lobdell, 1949  
 Marge Evanson Smith, 1954  
 Elizabeth Sedlack Williams, 1949

**GAMMA MU/MARYLAND**

Martha McWhite Johnson, 1962  
Laura Friedman McDaniel, 1981

**GAMMA NU/  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

Ferne Zimmerman Brostrom, 1947  
Mavis Nash Magnus, 1955  
Kathleen Kippels Rudd, 1959  
Carol Sether Schmelzel, 1949  
Sandy Ford Vining, 1973

**GAMMA XI/SAN JOSE STATE**

Suzanne Robinson Gregory, 1953  
Elizabeth Cody Marsh, 1948

**GAMMA OMICRON/  
NEW MEXICO**

Kathy McFarland Arnold, 1954  
Judy Paterson Baird, 1958  
Lynn Davis Boyd, 1950  
Betty Singer Faulds, 1948

**GAMMA PI/IOWA STATE**

Janis Mahany Butterfield, 1982  
Barbara Barkley Callies, 1950  
Darlene Mote Frahm, 1956  
Lucy Grimm Lane, 1956  
Ann Blaul Platter, 1954  
Pat Mayer Wright, 1961

**GAMMA RHO/  
UC SANTA BARBARA**

Claire Smith Parent, 1952  
Carolyn Tisdale Wyatt, 1954

**GAMMA SIGMA/  
SAN DIEGO STATE**

Ginger Irvine Barnard, 1961  
Courtney Travis Robertson, 1986

**GAMMA TAU/TULSA**

Mary Ann Thomas Elliott, 1954  
Mary Flynn, 1957  
Claire Sloan Mueller, 1954  
Janice Hobbs Powell, 1960  
Beverly Torr, 1962  
Mary Ann Sherley Voth, 1952

**GAMMA UPSILON/MIAMI**

Janet Franklin Haber, 1954  
Pamela Ilg Haring, 1966

**GAMMA PHI/TEXAS TECH**

Kay Reed Allred, 1971  
Tommie Wharton Beckwith, 1953  
Suzanne Taylor Childress, 1966  
Ann Gordon Davis, 1957  
Pat Tinney Jordan, 1954  
Beryl Nowlin McCleary, 1953  
Nancy Henry Phillips, 1963  
Susan Evans Sparkman, 1966

**GAMMA CHI/FRESNO STATE**

Janice Polson Bell, 1953  
Barbara Marriott Hamm, 1958

**GAMMA PSI/TCU**

Robin Reed Blose, 1974  
Sue Anne Brashears, 1959  
Susan Swain Hotard, 1961  
Ann Whatley Ritchie, 1955  
Zita Tyrer, 1956

*"Don't belittle what  
you have done."*

Rhoda Kaufman,  
Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt

**GAMMA OMEGA/AUBURN**

Barbara Edwards LeNoir, 1966

**DELTA EPSILON/  
ARIZONA STATE**

Katherine Scott Cocroft, 1968  
Kay Abrahamson Helmken, 1987  
Kay Holmgren Runke, 1963  
Gay Walberg, 1962

**DELTA ZETA/EMORY**

Linda McClain Austin, 1959  
Sophie Herschman, 2017

**DELTA ETA/KANSAS STATE**

L Ann Minturn Barkley, 1967

**DELTA IOTA/PUGET SOUND**

Michele Cummings, 1998

**DELTA KAPPA/LSU**

Kay McConnell Hay, 1964  
Marie Delorme Norby, 1977  
Laurie Scott, 1977

**DELTA NU/ARKANSAS**

Mary Cox Area, 1974

**DELTA SIGMA/BALL STATE**

Merileta Lawler, 1970

**DELTA PHI/CLEMSON**

Emily Hill, 2017

**DELTA PSI/UC RIVERSIDE**

Denise Sheaks Burke, 1984  
Jill Kirchner, 1988

**DELTA OMEGA/TEXAS A&M**

LeeAnn Moore, 1980

**EPSILON EPSILON/BAYLOR**

Anne Denny Alaimo, 1987

**PHI DEUTERON/STANFORD**

Nancy Reel Hamilton, 1941  
Mary Schwerin McDonald, 1933

**EPSILON ZETA/MISSISSIPPI**

Laura Haas Knox, 1991

**EPSILON ETA/CENTRE**

Caty Mercer McCormick, 2000

**EPSILON OMEGA/  
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON**

Aimee Teapole Lemasters, 1993

**ZETA ETA/WOFFORD**

Bess Marcum, 2017

**ZETA PSI/  
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**

Margaret Phillips, 1999

**THETA THETA/NC STATE**

Grace Earley, 2013

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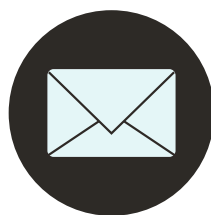
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**Alpha/DePauw**

Isabella Markovski-Dickey

**Omicron/USC**

Merrily Mills Boardman

**Pi/Albion**

Lori Lincoln Smith

**Rho/Nebraska**

Madison Bezousek

**Tau/Northwestern**

Nancy Janes Coombs

**Psi/Wisconsin**

Jessie Seppala Kinowski

**Alpha Theta/Texas**

Allison Hardie Knaupe

**Alpha Mu/Missouri**

Laura Frink Schieber

**Alpha Nu/Montana**

Jamie Stein Karpilow

**Alpha Rho/South Dakota**

Julie Gullickson Connors

**Alpha Phi/Tulane**

Caroline Hiatt

Chryssi Mikus

**Beta Gamma/Colorado State**

Ellen Hanes Cray

**Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State**

Natalie Evans

**Beta Theta/Idaho**

Alys Nafsinger

**Beta Lambda/  
William & Mary**

Robin Chambers Hart

**Beta Mu/Nevada**

Kathy Perez

**Beta Nu/Florida State**

Catherine Bostwick McGee

**Beta Omicron/Iowa**

Anne Barber

Laura Williams Cordier

**Beta Upsilon/  
British Columbia**

Venetia Verdicchio

**Gamma Epsilon/Western**

Jazzy Campbell

**Gamma Nu/  
North Dakota State**

Fran Brummund

Haley Specht

**Gamma Pi/Iowa State**

Connie Prehn Walters

**Gamma Sigma/  
San Diego State**

Marilyn Sosna

**Gamma Upsilon/Miami**

Laura Curfman Benoist

**Gamma Phi/Texas Tech**

Anderson Barclay

Leslie Legg Turner

**Gamma Chi/Fresno State**

Bri Rush

**Gamma Psi/TCU**

Taylor Hines

**Alpha Xi/Oregon**

Hilary Gerdes

**Delta Epsilon/Arizona State**

Lauren Bode

**Delta Rho/South Florida**

Diane Ulrich Morton

**Delta Upsilon/  
Eastern Kentucky**

Victoria Bengé

**Delta Omega/Texas A&M**

Jana Womack Albright

Jenny Wieser

**Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor**

Amy Sollers Wagner

**Phi deutron/Stanford**

Becca Nycum Elder

**Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**

Jamie Becker Beckinger

Katherine Brown Lanford

**Epsilon Iota/Westminster**

Amelia Ayers

Caroline Ayers

Sarah Ayers

**Epsilon Rho/Lehigh**

Vanessa Martins Whyard

**Epsilon Sigma/UC Irvine**

Mikayla Mager Van Bel

**Epsilon Phi/Chicago**

Josephine Dawson

Lisa Stephenson

Hannah Lighty Swanson

**Epsilon Chi/Guelph**

Chris Deschenes Romagnuolo

**Zeta Eta/Wofford**

Emily Batista

**Zeta Omicron/Wake Forest**

Jill Weiskopf Riley

**Eta Tau/Tampa**

Lindsay Mohn

**Eta Omega/Saint Louis**

Andrea Fischer



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# Voices

The 125th anniversary of the founding of the archives is being celebrated by sharing stories contained within [items in the archives], therefore sharing the stories of Thetas and Theta.

"The Theta Archives: 125 Years of Storytelling"  
(See page 6.)

On Founders Day 2024, 622 members celebrated 75 years of Theta membership.

"Diamond Thetas"  
(See page 12.)

Being able to see the direct impact of our philanthropic work for both [our local CASA chapter and Theta Foundation] has opened members' eyes to see how we hold these causes near and dear to our hearts in Kappa Alpha Theta, and how we have the power to make a greater impact in our community, not just on campus.

Members of Gamma/Butler  
(See page 18.)

I'm excited about the opportunities this new Strategic Plan brings to Kappa Alpha Theta, and I'm honored to be part of its implementation and success.

Jenni Broughton Schmaltz  
Gamma/Butler  
(See page 10.)

The spirit of courage and dependability within this sisterhood has only become more apparent throughout this process. I have been reminded of the reasons I chose Theta and continue to be uplifted by my sisters who push me to do hard things again and again.

Molly McCollum  
Gamma Delta/Georgia  
(See page 4.)